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Central EPA Annual Meeting

Over 300 people attended the 85th Annual Meeting of the Membership of Central Electric Power Association on March 15 at the coliseum in Carthage.

The crowd was entertained by One Way Quartet, a southern gospel quartet based out of Attala County. Members enjoyed the old convention-style singing.

General Manager Brian Long opened the meeting followed by the invocation given by Phillip Crosby, a member of the board of directors. Mayor Mary Ann Vivians of Carthage welcomed the crowd and complimented Manager Long and the board of directors for the wonderful job they do for the community.

John Malone, Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) General Manager of Customer Delivery, Mississippi District, was a guest at the meeting. TVA values their partnership with Central Electric Power Association and the hard work that has been accomplished through the years. Executive Vice President Michael Callahan and Vice President of Communications Lydia Walters, both with the Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi, were also guests at the meeting.

Manager Long reported that by the end of 2021, the association had 37,884 members in central Mississippi and 4,331 miles of underground and overhead distribution and transmission lines. Long also praised his staff for working hard, being safe, and keeping the lights on.

To conclude the meeting, a raffle took place. Dozens of prizes, including an electric grill, were given away to lucky members.

The special prize winners were:

\$1,500

ELECTRICITY CREDIT

Andrew Phillips
Leake county



\$500

ELECTRICITY CREDIT

Odell & Deborah Frazier
Leake county

Dewis Thornton
Leake county

D.L. Bell
Leake county

The elected board of directors are: Joe Sanders, Leake County; Max Loper, Neshoba County; Kenneth Hagan, Newton County; and Phillip Crosby, Minority Member at Large.



A crowd of more than 300 people attended the **2022 Annual Meeting**



Grand Prize Winners!



Andrew Phillips receives the grand prize of \$1500 in electricity credit.



\$500 electricity credit winners include D.L. Bell (Pictured), Dewis Thornton, Odell, and Deborah Frazier.



Brian Long, general manager, delivers the annual report and praises Central Electric staff on a job well done.



Mayor Mary Ann Vivians welcomed the crowd to Carthage while complimenting Central Electric on community involvement.



Board Member Danny Thornton gives reports for the annual meeting.



Board Member Phillip Crosby delivered the invocation.

Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi's 35th YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



A group of 66 high school juniors from all over the state gathered in Jackson from March 2 to March 4 for the 35th Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi Youth Leadership Workshop.

The program instills leadership skills, inspires creative thinking, encourages community service, and introduces students to legislative elected officials from their communities.

The conference was held at The Westin in downtown Jackson.

The students earned a trip to the workshop following a competitive selection process sponsored by their local electric cooperative. They will

travel to Washington, D.C. in June for a six-day youth leadership tour.

Connor Gibson, representing Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association, was selected as the 2022 Youth Leadership Council (YLC) member. A student at Oak Grove High School, Gibson will serve a one-year term as Mississippi's YLC member beginning June 1. As a council member, Gibson will travel to Biloxi to attend the Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi Annual Meeting in September. In addition, he will also attend the NRECA Annual Meeting in Nashville in March 2023. After completion of his duties, Gibson will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

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A. (From left to right) Sen. Josh Harkins, Central Electric Youth Workshop students Cailee Bracewell, Sydney Killen, and Hayden Coates, Rep. Scott Bounds, and Rep. Randy Rushing. **B.** Cailee Bracewell, Sydney Killen, and Hayden Coates take photos on the first day of the workshop. **C.** More fun photos with Central Electric Youth Workshop students. **D.** Rep. Kenneth Walker, students Cailee Bracewell, Hayden Coates, and Sydney Killen, and Sen. Tyler McCaughn. **E.** Students stand in front of the State Capitol.